

# Women of Grace

Grace Fellowship Church Women's Ministries

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## Purpose and Prayer

The Grace Women's Ministry is slowly beginning to take shape and move forward. The following vision statement sums up the purpose and heart-felt prayer for our church based on Colossians 2:2-3.

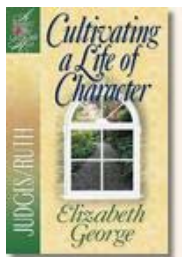


The Grace Women's Ministry exists to provide encouragement and community to the women of Grace Fellowship Church leading to growth and maturity in Christ, service in our homes and church, and outreach to the world.



In the coming months, you will see opportunities to interact with the women of our church, our community, and our world. Don't see these as "activities" that make life busier; rather, view them as a chance to grow closer together as sisters in Christ and closer to Christ as sisters.

If your fall schedule is finally taking shape and you've found that you have some time on Tuesdays, it's not too late to join one of the Women's Bible Studies, either 9:30 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. Both groups are studying Judges and Ruth through Elizabeth George's ***Cultivating A Life of Character***. Come enjoy the kinship of sisters as we seek to grow together in love and wisdom.



By holding a hand, reading a book, or just listening, Advocate Hospice volunteers offer compassion and companionship to terminally ill patients and their families. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, Advocate Hospice is offering a comprehensive training program on Nov. 2-4 at South Suburban Hospital. Call 1-800-3ADVOCATE for more information.

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## Woman On A Mission: Misty Zeller

I LOVE my job. I love that I get to serve the Lord alongside my husband Reid and that we get to impact college students' lives for eternity every day. I love sharing Christ with lost students, guiding them in God's Word, and challenging students to go to the world by taking them with me! At the same time, because I love my job so much, I knew it would be a huge adjustment once Reid and I began to have a family and I began to spend hours changing diapers instead of "changing lives." I can already see the sin in that perspective and how the Lord is using baby Emma to teach me more about the unyielded places in my life.



Ever since our little Emma was born on June 19th, I have felt overcome with love for her and gratitude for how God is using her in my life. Just today when I was holding her, I looked down on her in a moment, caught her eyes completely locked on mine, and it hit me...she is watching me. Emma watches my every move. I pace when I talk on the phone and it is amazing how Emma faithfully moves her head back and forth, back and forth, never taking her eyes off me, no matter where I am in the room or how tired and dizzy she might be from watching me. I'm used to her watching my every move, but today it hit me in a new way. It suddenly struck me that Emma isn't just watching me because I'm entertaining- she is learning from me.

It struck me today that I am *THE* person that she is watching and to whom she is looking to teach her *EVERYTHING*. Emma is only three-months-old this week, but already she is learning how to put on mascara...by watching me; how to settle conflict with her husband and forgive and be forgiven...by watching me; how to allow the Lord to love her as her Father...by watching Him love me.

As it began to sink in that this tender little person with bright, inquisitive eyes trusts me completely and depends upon me to teach her everything, I began to cry. In the last four years of my ministry with Campus Crusade for Christ, I have been with lots of students in the very moment when they have prayed to receive Christ, and I've inspired hundreds of students to go into the world and to trust Jesus with their lives. But in all those years, I have never been watched so intently or depended upon so completely. And as this reality began to sink in today, I felt overwhelmed at the incredible gift of being entrusted with Emma's life. Chuck Swindoll once said, "I have read lots of translations of the Bible- but my mother has always been my favorite translation...because she translated with her life."

As Reid goes off to campus each day, and there are days that I now stay home with Emma, I am learning what so many mothers from Eve to Mary have learned throughout the centuries before me: that there is great honor and responsibility in being the person most watched by the precious eyes of our babies. I am so grateful for the privilege. As I learn from Emma what it looks like to live with complete trust upon me, I am challenged by this tiny 12-pound baby what it would look like to trust my Father in heaven with the same child-like dependency...knowing I am just as needy and He is so much more worthy.

## Girls Night Out

The holiday season is approaching at the speed of light. It won't be long before we'll be feeling the pressure of shopping, cooking, and entertaining. Wouldn't it be wonderful to head into this holiday season armed with a few new simple recipes and some great decorating ideas?

Come enjoy an evening of friendship, holiday recipe demonstrations, and budget-friendly decorating ideas. Plan ahead to de-stress the holidays and keep Jesus the joy of the season.



Watch for more details in October.

## Encouraging Our Sisters in Christ

Toward the end of his first letter to the young believers in Thessalonica, Paul gave this tender admonition: "Encourage one another and build each other up" (5:11). We all know how wearying life can feel. God our Maker knows we need kind words of encouragement from time to time to bolster our souls and remind us to not drop out of the race. He gave the task to each of us to encourage one another. Take time this week to hug a sister in Christ or drop her a note; remind her of her importance to the Body of Christ and how loved she is.

We want to remember our sisters in the mission field, too. Since there will be no charge for our great Girls Night Out in November, we will be taking a love offering to send to Misty Zeller to help with their increased expenses since the addition of baby Emma. You'll also have an opportunity to pick up a notecard, stamped and addressed to one of our other sisters in the mission field. Just add a personal note of encouragement and pop it in the mail.

Zeller's web site  
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